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CARL SCHURZ.

Carl Schurz's objections to the annexation of Hawaii are summed up by Dr. Henry Lyman of Chicago, and are answered at considerable length in The Advance. The article is intensely interesting and the argument able. Dr. Lyman has the advantage of an intimate knowledge of the subject, while Carl Schurz's knowledge is theoretical rather than practical.

Carl Schurz's objections come under five heads: 1. Annexation will necessitate cannon and a navy. 2. That there will be "the adoption of a colonial policy," against the traditional principle of the Republic. 3. Hawaii will constitute a "vulnerable point." 4. Gauls and Teutons have never been successful colonists, and therefore Hawaii should not be annexed. 5. Hawaiians will be disappointed by the "peculiar political morality" with which the United States will govern them. Stripped of their verbiage these propositions which Mr. Schurz has been thundering away against annexation, do not look very formidable. With the exception of the fourth every one has been dealt with in these columns already.

The first objection Dr. Lyman replies to saying that if ships and cannon are required for Hawaii, there will be less required on the Coast. This Captain Mahan has also answered by stating that a smaller fleet stationed at Hawaii would give more effective protection than a large one scattered along the Pacific Coast.

The adoption of a colonial policy is not meant by annexing the Islands, they will merely come into the United States according to the "traditional principle" which was and has been continual absorption, and he cites the greater part of New France, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, California, Oregon, and Alaska, and adds that these were taken in without waiting to have them Americanized as the Islands have been. It might have been added that when these additions were made they were really infinitely further from Washington than the Hawaiian Islands are today, and a cable will bring them into absolute touch.

As to being a vulnerable point all fortified stations are vulnerable points and it is better to have one vulnerable point than half a dozen such points scattered along the West Coast. In point of fact this contention is hypothetical and not real.

The United States themselves are an instance of the success of "colonization." Schurz cites, however, British rule in India as an instance of the failure of a colonizing power. But what may be said of the morality by which that rule has been obtained there is no doubt that it has given peace and justice to three hundred millions of people, who previous to this rule were harried year in and year out by civil strife and savagery. And it is pointed out that it is far better for the United States by the occupation of Hawaii to "keep back the line of Chinese and Japanese supremacy within the limits, rather than by sordid inaction to invite the creation of a perfect hornet's nest at the gateway of California."

That with the advent of American methods the millennium will set in even if Mr. Schurz were himself sent as governor is very unlikely. It may indeed be a choice of evils. But it is very much better for the Islands, already Americanized, to pass into American hands than to fall into Asiatic bondage. As the doctor put it "better Mr. Schurz than a Mandarin from Peking," or a viceroy from Japan either. The concluding words of the article are quoted in full for they ably depict the position of Mr. Schurz and men who think as he does. Dr. Lyman says:

"The real reason for the opposition of men like Mr. Schurz to the annexation of Hawaii lies in their fear that by such action 'the United States shall take part in the business of the world.' Feeble old men whose generous instincts have perished in the defeat of their only aspirations see no good in anything but quiet and repose. They long for a Chinese wall to shut out all contact with the outside world. They would do nothing to promote peace, for fear of foreign complications."

They spurn our fellow citizens abroad, lest such enterprising pioneers should become a 'vulnerable point.' They will have no navy, because ships cost money; no colonies because they might need defense. Nothing will suit these folks but a selfish, sordid, miserly old age."

SAMOAN LESSONS.

The Samoan papers always have something of interest which throws light upon that primitive but much talked of community. The last batch gives two significant side lights—one with regard to the Supreme Court and the other with regard to burials.

Of the Supreme Court the following is quite interesting. On January 17, His Honor Chief Justice Chambers was engaged upon case No. 3 on the criminal docket. In this, Pago, a Samoan, was charged with the theft of a pig, and got nine months. On January 18, His Honor knocked off cases 4, 5 and 6 on the criminal docket, which were respectively for stealing bananas, for stealing fish and kerosene, and for stealing a pig. In each case six months imprisonment was the penalty. It appears that the municipal magistrate cannot deal with cases of larceny, for Pago's case first appeared in the lower court, and was duly sent up.

Contrast the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands and this petty police court business of the Supreme Court of the Samoan Islands, and one has some idea of the immense difference between matters in Samoa and matters here.

In the matter of burials, the Samoa Herald complains of the practice of both natives and foreigners burying their dead within a few yards of their houses in very shallow graves, and it goes on to state that the "whole of the beach portion of the municipality is a cemetery." From which it appears that after years of "protectorate" the municipality of Apia has not been able to have enforced the very first of sanitary laws.

The more one reads about Samoa, the more one sees how utterly unprogressive the country is. For those who like primitive simplicity and the style of life portrayed in Louis Becke's stories of the South Seas this kind of vegetating may be satisfactory, but for those who believe in human progress and the advance of a country on the paths of civilization, it seems melancholy that Islands capable of advancement should remain as the Samoan Islands are. The blight comes from the protectorate in a very great measure, and from this we may gather what a protectorate would do for us. It would make us stagnate.

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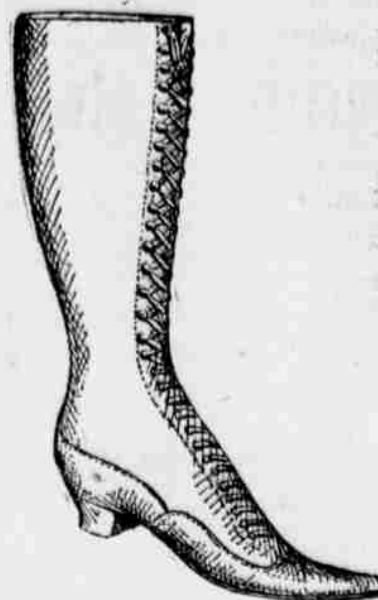
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